

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:486
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2014
VIOLENCE IN BTAD AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of violence in the State of Assam particularly in the Bodoland Territorial Area Districts (BTAD) in May 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons killed/injured including women and children in the said violence;
- (c) whether the victims of the said violence have been paid/given any compensation/relief;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the compensation/relief/paid/given and if not, the steps being taken to ensure that such victims are provided adequate compensation/ relief; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 486 FOR 12.8.2014.

(a) to (e): As per the report received from the State Government of Assam, incidents of violence were committed by the armed cadres of extremist group namely NDFB (Songbijit) on 1st & 2nd May, 2014 in the 3 (three) villages of Baksa district and 1 (one) village of Kokrajhar district of Assam, claiming lives of 46 civilians and injury to 2 persons including women and children.

The State Government has paid ex-gratia grant of Rs.8.00 lakh (Rs.5.00 lakh under the State Scheme and Rs.3.00 lakh under the Central Scheme) to the next of kin of the deceased belonging to Baksa district. In respect of Kokrajhar district, the State Government has provided funds to the district administration for disbursement of ex-gratia grant of Rs.8.00 lakh to the each next of kin of the deceased which is under process of payment. Besides, the State Government has also provided rehabilitation grant of Rs.50,000/- to each family whose houses were fully damaged.

In order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, 23 fixed/mobile police pickets have been established in the vulnerable areas, patrolling by the Security Forces have been intensified for area domination and to instill a sense of security among the people. Besides Central Armed Police Forces and State Armed Police are utilized extensively for taking action against the militants. Peace committee are also organized. The Government of Assam has been advised to adopt strict security measure including seizure of illegal weapons held by different groups and also for effective functioning of anti extortion cells setup in various districts of the states including BTAD area.